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1. A Soviet order was issued in March 1948 calling for the construction of 20 police boats, each to be 65 to 70 tons in size. Two boats were to be constructed in 1949 and eighteen in 1950. These boats were to be used for the protection of Germany's sea borders and to be constructed in such a fashion as to permit speedy conversion into submarine chasers. This fact, however, was kept from the knowledge of the German officials concerned.
2. It is planned to equip each boat with three JUMO-205 German Aviation Diesel motors, each putting out 600 horse power. The operational radius of the boats is to be 1000 miles.
3. The first boat is being constructed by the firm Claus Engelbrecht, Berlin-Köpenick, Wendenschlossstr 366. Further orders have been placed with firms in Magdeburg-Rothensee.
4. Progress of the construction project is extremely unsatisfactory because of lack of essential materials and parts. Representatives of the German firms with whom the orders were placed allegedly went to the British Zone in search of gears (Wendegetriebe) for the boats. A certain firm named Flender in the Ruhr area was requested to submit a cost estimate for 60 units. Their quotation --330,000 West Marks--was considered extremely high and no orders had been placed as of October 1949.

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